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FOR EUR/SOV - MARK GARRISON ONLY FROM BILL LUERS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. I AM ENJOYING AND LEARNING FROM THIS STAY FAR MORE THAN I EVER IMAGINED.

2. DID MARSHALL CONVINCE THE FELLOW I CALLED HIM ABOUT FROM BUDAPEST?

3. WEDNESDAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY HERE. IS THERE ANYTHING PARTICULAR I SHOULD TAKE UP WITH THE SOVIETS OR INQUIRE ABOUT FOR YOU OR MARSHALL IN THE EMBASSY BEFORE RETURNING?

4. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MY SECOND DAY HERE I WAS FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY DURING A PRIVATE, QUICK VISIT TO THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM. I COMPLAINED PRIVATELY TO SOKOLOV THE NEXT DAY AT LUNCH AND ASKED HIM WHAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT. I SAID I WAS HERE TO RENEW MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH MOSCOW AND WITH SOVIET SOCIETY AND OFFICIALDOM AND THOUGHT THIS WAS A RATHER CRUDE WELCOME. TO MY SURPRISE SOKOLOV SAID, ALMOST APOLOGETICALLY, "I UNDERSTAND, BILL, AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF IT." THE GOONS SINCE HAVE NOT BEEN VISIBLE.

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5. I KEEP WAIVERING ON THE PONOMAREV VISIT. I AM NOW CONSIDERING DOING THE HOUSTON/LA LEG AND THEN RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. WHY DON'T YOU CONSIDER PICKING THEM UP IN DETROIT? IT IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH OF US. LET ME HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS. IF YOU CONCUR, I MIGHT ASK YOU TO BREAK THE NEWS TO JANE.

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6. FOR MARIE: IN CASE SOME OFFICIAL MAIL IS GATHERING
WHICH SHOULD BE ANSWERED PLEASE EITHER SEND AN INTERIM
REPLY THAT I AM OUT OF TOWN AND WILL REPLY ON RETURN,
CALL AND SAY THE SAME THING, AND/OR GIVE A COPY OF THE
LETTER TO APPROPRIATE OFFICE FOR ACTION. BEST REGARDS.

7. FOR DICK VINE: THE OECD JOB YOU SUGGESTED TO ME ON THE PHONE
WOULD INTEREST THE CANDIDATE VERY MUCH. HE HAS GERMAN AND
ENOUGH FRENCH TO MAKE HIM VIABLE, HE BELIEVES. PLEASE HOLD
THIS OPEN UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS RESOLVED. THANKS FOR THE IDEA.
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